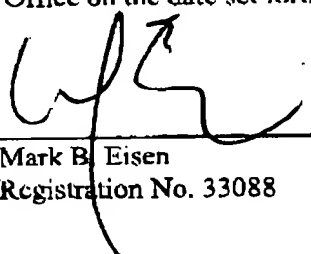


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REMARKS

The applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) citing Howarth et al. (U.S Patent No. 4,715,715).

Howarth et al. teach a system for measuring the color of a sample material, which includes means for illuminating a sample and a sensor for measuring light from the sample (Abstract).

This system relates to paper production (col. 1, line 12), as opposed to the present invention which relates to pre-recycled paper sorting.